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1. Between 16 April and 15 August 1952 a total of 50,000 tons of Spanish pyrites arrived at Hamburg by way of the Netherlands for Czechoslovakia. Because of the low water level of the Elbe the pyrites were stored in warehouse # 41 in the Czechoslovak zone of Hamburg harbor. They are now being transported to Czechoslovakia by rail.
2. A total of 8,000 tons of Chinese iron ore is in Hamburg for Czechoslovakia, partly in warehouse # 41 and partly on river boats. The ore will be shipped to Czechoslovakia as soon as the water level of the Elbe permits transit.
3. Both the pyrites and the iron ore arrived at Hamburg on Greek and Panamanian vessels.

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